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March 8, 1897:

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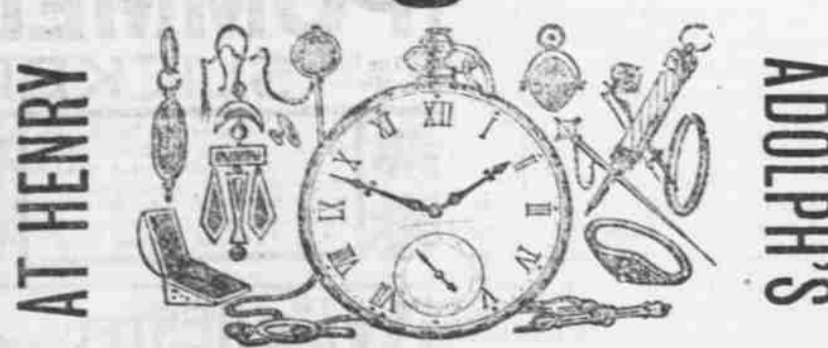
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Organs of the Gold trust are un-
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claim a dead issue. If free silver is
so dead as they have been asserting it
is for the past forty days, why does
everyone of them persist in having the
corpses dug up every morning so that
it may convince itself by a post mor-
tem examination and assure it readers
that there is no shamming—that life
is really extinct.

The fact is that the subject of the
copious obituary notices of these gold-
ite editors is not only not moribund,
but there was never a time when the
silver issue was imbued with more life
than it possesses at the present time.
A glance at prevailing political con-
ditions will convince anyone that the
advocates of bimetalism in all the
States in which elections are to be
held this fall are united, aggressive
and confident of success.

In Iowa, Hon. Fred White, the Dem-
ocratic nominee for Governor, has al-
ready sounded the summons to battle,
and the whole State is alive with en-
thusiasm and hope for an overwhelm-
ing triumph for the cause of bimetal-
lism. Nebraska is arming for the
fray. Three monster conventions,
representing the sentiment of the Dem-
ocrats, Populists and silver Republi-
cans of the State, will assemble in Lin-
coln on Wednesday next, nominate a
joint ticket, reaffirm their faith in bi-
metalism and record their determina-
tion to fight for the remonetization of
silver. Organization in Nebraska is
perfect. Fusion is an accomplished
fact and the voters will reassert their
devotion to silver by a larger numer-
ical majority than they did last fall.

While the result in Ohio is more
clouded by uncertainty than it is in
some of the other States, owing to
many causes—principal among them
being the enormous corruption fund in
the hands of the Republican managers
and the influence and patronage of the
Republican national administration at
their disposal—still the Democrats are
prepared for a vigorous and aggressive
campaign and have strong expectations
of winning by a pronounced majority.

Although the home of the President
and some of the biggest trusts in the
country, Ohio can not be considered
reliably Republican. In the past it
has been in the habit of going Dem-
ocratic in off years, and has several
times during the last quarter of a cen-
tury elected a Democratic Legislature
and sent a Democrat to the Senate.
State pride caused many to vote for
McKinley last year who will vote for
Horace Chapman this year. The la-
bor vote, that was coaxed into sup-
porting the Republican ticket then un-
der promises of higher wages, can not
be driven to bestowing their ballots
upon a Mark Hanna Legislature next
November. There will be no appre-
ciable diminution in the bimetallic
sentiment of the rural districts. In
addition to these favorable conditions,
the Democrats can count on the vest
pocket votes of many Foraker Republi-
cans, who prefer to aid their political
enemies in gaining a victory rather
than to confirm in power one who will
use it to crush the leader of their fac-
tion.

There are other issues, of course,
that will enter into the pending cam-
paign in the several States where elec-
tions are going to be held soon—Gov-
ernment by injunction, the robber
tariff, subordination of State courts to
the Federal judiciary, the restraint of
the trusts—but these will be subordi-
nate. In every battle silver coinage
will be the paramount issue. Its suc-
cess is linked indissolubly with the oth-
er reforms for which the people are
striving. If it fails, they will fail. If
it succeeds, their success will follow.
It is here to stay.

As Governor Leedy has truly said,
"The remonetization of silver will re-
main an issue among the American
people so long as there is left one man
to argue its righteousness and to ar-
gue the correctness of the economic
principle it enforces." The Gold trust
thought silver was buried in '73, and
it has been burying the white metal at
regular and stated intervals ever since.
Bimetalism can not be buried until
this government is taken formally and
substantially out of the hands of the
people and placed in the hands of a
monarchy or an oligarchy.—K. C. Times.

Owing to over-crowding and bad
ventilation, the air of the schoolroom
is often close and impure, and teach-
ers and pupils frequently suffer from
lung and throat troubles. To all such
we would say, try Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy. For coughs, colds, weak
lungs and bronchial troubles no other
remedy can compare with it. Says A.
C. Freed, Superintendent of Schools,
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lain's Cough Remedy, I have no hesi-
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Untrue.

Spanish methods are typified in the
letter which Minister Dupuy de Lome
has addressed to Mrs. Jefferson Davis
in reply to that lady's appeal in be-
half of the unfortunate young girl who
now languishes in a loathsome prison
at Havana.

"The facts show," says Minister de
Lome, "that Miss Cisneros lured to
her house the military commander of
the Island of Pines and had men con-
coaled in it who tried to assassinate
him in connection with an uprising of
the prisoners in the island. For that
offense, far from being condemned and
being ready to be transported to a
penal settlement in Africa, she has not
yet been tried; the Public Prosecutor
has not yet presented the case for the
Government; he has not yet, as is
required of our law, asked a sentence
to be imposed upon her, and the case
is not yet ready to be disposed of."

A more deliberate misrepresentation
of facts, according to the testimony
that has reached this country from
reliable sources, could not well be
made. It is known that Spanish brut-
ality is alone responsible for this ten-
der girl's unhappy plight; that in-
stead of "luring" the military com-
mander to her house, that individual
forced his unwelcome and unholy at-
tention upon her, and because she
would not submit and was forcibly de-
fended from him by a gentleman, the
Spaniard, in order to at once avenge
and defend himself, trumped up the
charges against her and had her cast
into the refuge of abandoned women.

The Spanish Minister will find that
the methods of deception which char-
acterize his home Government and its
colonial policy will not avail to soothe
American conscience. They unques-
tionably are effective on the native
Spanish character, or else the corrupt
Government at Madrid would long ago
have been destroyed by popular up-
rising. But the men and women of
the United States are made of sterner
stuff. They have been tolerating re-
cumbent barbarity at their very
doors; not because they did not know
of its existence, but because of their
willingness to test to its extreme limits
the efficacy of established remedies.

They now have discovered the utter
futility of trusting longer to these, and
are about ready to resort to measures
that will not only check Spanish bar-
barity, but will also drive Spain from
Cuba and assist the struggling patriots
there in establishing and maintaining
civilized government.—St. Louis Re-
public.

Have Learned Something.

When the President of the St. Louis
Merchants' Exchange declared that
"the farmer is nobody's fool" he gave
epigrammatic and picturesque expres-
sion to a changed condition in our
national life that was wrought by the
heated discussion of economic ques-
tions in the last campaign.

It would be neither truthful nor po-
litely to assert the converse of the propo-
sition that the American farmer was
ever "anybody's fool," and yet some-
thing akin to that may be said of him
in soberness. Prior to the memorable
educational campaigns of 1892 and
1896 the mass of our agriculturists
were too poorly informed on the great
questions of economics and taxation to
act intelligently for their own inter-
ests in exercising the suffrage. Hence
it was that they have permitted to
grow up in the country a grossly un-
just system of taxation and to place in
control of the machinery of free gov-
ernment the most conscienceless band
of looters that were ever intrusted with
power in a time of national peace and
repose. The farmer had his primer
lessons in these questions when a
Democratic President was elected
twelve years ago. When a Democratic
Congress passed the Wilson bill, which
a Republicanized Senate nullified in
many of its features, he was carried a
little further along the road of truth
toward an understanding of the shame-
ful wrongs that had been done him by
the Republican party. A revolt was
raised against that organization in its
Western strongholds and the party
was driven to the East for recruits. It
is true that the revolt did not stop
short of the vagaries of Populism in
many parts of the territory affected,
but that was natural extreme for such
a movement. The forces which set it
in motion have now concentrated in
sane and sober organization, and Dem-

ocratic ascendancy in the West is per-
manent.

The last campaign put the finishing
touches on the farmer's education, and
the amazing spectacle was witnessed
of the herding of purchasable voters
in the large centers of the country in
order to save the Republican party
from the wrath of the men who were
once its mainstay and prop. But this
spectacle can never again be witnessed
in America, now that the agricultural
masses have learned which party best
represents their interests and more
honestly strives to subserve them.
Having seen the corruption and bri-
bery practiced under Hanna's manage-
ment, the farmers of America are now
prepared to offset these tactics by vot-
ing with the party pledged to their
welfare. In other words, they have
been educated and are "nobody's
fools."—St. Louis Republic.

The Advance Interview.

President McKinley's little interview
possibly contains more truth than he
meant it. For he admits that the
prosperity of the West was due, not to
any efforts of his party, but to the co-
incidence of large harvests here and
short crops abroad. "But," he con-
tinues, "the fact that prosperity has
set in in the East can not be accounted
for in any other way than by the wise
policy of the Republican party in re-
storing a protective tariff."

That is to say, the South and West
work. The people there live by the
sweat of their brows. In some years
they merely make a good living; in
others the bounties of nature give them
prosperity.

But the East is different. Mr. Mc-
Kinley insists that there is no natural
reason for the East's prosperity this
year. It was effected, he says, simply
by the passage of a tariff which heav-
ily taxed the people.

These taxes could not be paid in the
end by the East itself if it is to acquire
prosperity through them. For no sec-
tion can get rich by taxing itself, any
more than a man can lift himself by
his boot straps.

The taxes that made the East un-
naturally prosperous must then have
been paid principally by the West and
the South. So, if we may believe Mr.
McKinley, the East prospers by using
the trusts' tariff as an instrument to
wrench from the West and South the
lion's share of the fruits of their labor
and nature's bounty.

Thus it is the old case of taxes and
toll. The people work and the pluto-
crats exact tribute. The President
evidently failed to weigh his words as
carefully as usual. Else he would not
have boldly and proudly maintained
that he had helped the East to get rich
by robbing the West.—K. C. Times.

The Tariff for Deficit.

When Mr. Aldrich introduced his
revised and improved Tariff bill in the
Senate he announced that a tariff which
failed to produce sufficient revenue
would have disastrous results for the
party responsible for it. Now that
the Republican tariff has become a law,
and has proved itself the ablest deficit
producer in our financial history, such
opinions no longer bubble freely from
Republican sources. The doctrine
most in favor at present has been for-
mulated by a prominent Republican in
these terms:

"What if the new Tariff bill is not
yielding enough revenue? What if it
never yields enough? The fact that it
is giving prosperity to the people of
our country is a millions times more
important than its effects upon the
Federal Treasury; its purpose, as
stated in the preamble, was primarily
to foster American industries. We can
readily see how well it is doing that,
for trade on every hand is picking up.
In these circumstances nobody will
care much how the Federal Treasury
balance sheet looks, and if after a year
or two it is found that the new tariff is
not furnishing enough revenue, there
will be plenty of time to devise other
means of making good the deficiency."

That is a cheerful and philosophical
way of looking at the situation. In
the light of such a theory of the pur-
pose of customs legislation, the fact
that the expense of the Government
for the first twenty-five days of August
were almost exactly twice the revenue,
the deficit being \$14,316,217 against a
total revenue of \$15,360,783, becomes
a matter unworthy the attention of a
true patriot. Nevertheless, the cir-
cumstance that if Congress had ac-
cepted Secretary Gage's advice to se-
cure for the Government the duties on
the 700,000 tons of sugar imported by
the Sugar Trust, there would have
been a slight surplus instead of a deficit
on this month's transactions, must
sometimes suggest rather painful re-
flections. Although a few millions of
revenue more or less may be a trivial

affair, it will be hard to explain on the
stump why the public money should
not go into the public treasury instead
of into the vaults of the Sugar Trust.
—N. Y. Journal.

"DOLLAR Wheat! McKinley and
Prosperity!" shrieks a Minneapolis pa-
per. Right you are, honey! Had
Bryan been elected the American
wheat crop would have been a total
failure, while foreign countries would
have raised billions of bushels of that
cereal for export. By McKinley's
election the foreign wheat crop was
blighted and American fields made to
bring forth an hundred fold. Mark
Hanna saved the country with his 20
million dollar educational fund, and
shall have a niche four rods square in
the holy temple of fame. But a great
many of us grew cotton instead of
wheat, and are still plugging along at
6 cents a pound. We rejoice with our
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